

Circle of Security-Parenting

Statement of Qualifications

The Carroll County Health Department is seeking a vendor to provide Circle of Security-Parenting for the Early Childhood System of Care (E-SMART).

Circle of Security-Parenting (COS-P) is an evidence based/evidence informed model used to support caregiver/child attachment in individual, group, and home visitation settings. COS-P is based on the protocol of Circle of Security developed by Circle of Security International. These concepts pull from the attachment based work of Mary Ainsworth and John Bowlby.

Rationale:

There are limited attachment based intervention models available in Carroll County. The total number of evidence based/evidence informed interventions designed for young children and their families is also limited. The availability of a flexible intervention that is appropriate for early childhood and can be delivered in the home, individually, or in a group setting will reach a greater number of families in Carroll County.

In order to be considered the agency must:

- Provide the organizations mission statement that establishes the purpose of the organization as providing support and education to children, youth and families that may be experiencing emotional, behavioral or mental health challenges.
- Must be willing to coordinate with other E-SMART project partners to streamline care for children 0-8 and their families.
 - Preference will be given to agencies already providing services in Carroll County and/or can demonstrate familiarity with the current system of care in Carroll.
 - Additionally, agencies who have been actively participating in the E-SMART Leadership Team will be given preference.

Qualifications for the Circle of Security-Parenting entity are as follows:

- Dedicated to serving children and families within the early childhood system of care.
- Actively participate on the E-SMART Governance Board.
- Attend weekly E-SMART staffing meetings to collaborate and streamline care.
- Hire staff to work within the COS-P model including attending COS-P training and completing training requirements.
- Be willing to consider flexible service delivery options including home based, individual, and group work.

- Collect data (performance and demographic) in accordance with SAMHSA requirements for the E-SMART grant:
 - Typical outcomes of evidence based services (Ex: number of meetings with families, number of contact times, parent/agency satisfaction).
 - Specific early childhood, family focused outcomes (Ex: parental strain, parental mental health, connection with early childhood services, family level services, and parent specific services).

COS-P providers must:

- Display traits of a successful interventionist including:
 - Strong communication skills
 - Organization/ time management skills
 - Empathetic: Accepting/ non-judgmental
 - Flexible and creative
 - Team player
 - Conflict and crisis management skills
- Demonstrate knowledge, skills, and experience in individual and group service delivery models
- Provide services in a community setting as well as in home